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SUBJECT: U.S. VISIT OF SPEAKER MAREI AND PEOPLES
ASSEMBLY DELEGATION

REF: (A) CAIRO 6950, (B) STATE 54459

1. AT MOROCCAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST EVENING I HAD OPPORTUNITY CHAT BRIEFLY WITH SAYED MAREI. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON THE TWO SETS OF PROPOSED DATES CITED REF B. I SUGGESTED THAT, SINCE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS HANDLING THE MATTER, IT WOULD PROBABLY AVOID CONFUSION IF HIS REPLY WERE GIVEN THAT WAY AS WELL. I WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE SHOULD HE OR THE MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION REQUIRE IT.

2. MAREI INDICATED THAT HE HAD STILL NOT DECIDED ON WHEN TO GO. THE PROPOSED MID-MARCH DATES, HOWEVER, WERE TOO SOON. MOREOVER, THEY ARE TOO CLOSE TO BEGIN VISIT AND WOULD MAKE IT APPEAR EGYPTIAN DELEGATION PURPOSE WAS TO "LOBBY" AGAINST ISRAELI PRIMIN. HE DID NOT WANT TO PROJECT ANY SUCH IMPRESSION. HIS INCLINATION WAS TO GO SOMETIME TOWARD THE END OF APRIL. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASKED ABOUT WHEN KING HUSSEIN WILL VISIT THE U.S. HE WOULD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PREFER TO GO AFTER THE HUSSEIN VISIT.

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3. TOLD HIM I HAD NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE WHEN HUSSEIN INTENDS TO GO TO THE U.S., BUT WOULD INQUIRE AND LET HIM KNOW. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE CAN GIVE MAREI ANY WORD AS TO DATES OF KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT.

4. STATE 54867 JUST RECEIVED. IF HUSSEIN VISIT IS

BEFORE APRIL 10-14, THESE DATES MIGHT BE AGREEABLE TO
MAREI. EILTS

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